

## **Year 9 – NBC English Scholarship Exam**

The exam consists of two sections: reading comprehension and a writing section.

The exam is out of 40 points and must be completed in 75 minutes.

The NBC year 9 scholarship requires students to demonstrate the following skills:

### **Reading Comprehension (Fiction)**

**Students will demonstrate reading skills covering a fictional piece of writing that is approximately 700 words in length. The exam requires students to:**

- respond critically in terms of understanding and by using inference
- select relevant textual evidence to support a critical response
- explore a writer's selection of ideas and structural or organisational choices
- explore a writers' use of language
- identify and explain the writer's intention and viewpoint, and the overall effect of the text on the reader

### **Writing (Non-Fiction)**

**Students will demonstrate the following writing skills:**

- plan and write an article related to a chosen topic
- use creative and technically correct vocabulary and sentence structure
- write appropriately for a given form, audience and purpose
- organise a response appropriately and logically
- convey meaning through the use of accurate grammar, punctuation and spelling.